

**RESOLUTION NO. 112**  
**100th Anniversary of**  
**Cleveland High School**

**WHEREAS**, Grover Cleveland High School (named after the 22nd and 24th President of the United States) was built on a vineyard formerly owned by the Bardenheier wine family at 4352 Louisiana in the City of St. Louis in the midst of the War to End All Wars (World War I) with its cornerstone laid in 1913, doors opened in 1915, and first small graduating class in 1916; and

**WHEREAS**, the iconic building, designed by the famous architect William B. Ittner, Commissioner of St. Louis Public School buildings, became synonymous with Cleveland High School as “The Castle” with its towering double towers, classic crenellation, gargoyles, and guild references over its grand entrance, shouting out the values of education to anyone listening; and

**WHEREAS**, Cleveland High School boasted many a “Dutchman” from 1915 to 1984, when it briefly closed and then re-opened as Cleveland Junior Naval ROTC Academy, a St. Louis Public magnet school, proudly gaining a second term like its namesake; and

**WHEREAS**, the values of “Honesty, Industry, Courtesy, and Loyalty” became as much a part of many graduates of Cleveland High School over the years, as did the school colors of burnt orange and navy blue (the namesake of its newspaper), and the Beacon, its yearbook; and

**WHEREAS**, the building at 4352 Louisiana, the answer of many Dutchtown and Carondelet neighborhood residents to the famous St. Louis question, “Where did you go to high school?” was closed by the St. Louis Board of Education in mid-2006, with plans by many to re-open it someday as a school, and is now eligible for the National Register; the building, now for sale, has three floors and a basement, has 235,285 square feet on 10.6 acres, and is highly visible from Grand Boulevard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cleveland High Staff-Alumni Association, keeper of the physical memories of Cleveland High at the historic Susan Blow Kindergarten building (Carondelet Historical Society, 6303 Michigan Avenue), is hosting an all-alumni reunion for the 100th Anniversary of Cleveland High School on September 17, 2016.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the milestone of the 100th anniversary of Cleveland High School, thank the graduates of this historic high school for their many contributions to the City of St. Louis, and hope that there “may always be in the hearts of all her students – LOYALTY.” We further direct the Clerk of the Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 16th day of September, 2016, by:

**The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward**

**The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis Board of Aldermen**

**The Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward**

**The Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward**

**The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward**

**The Honorable Jack Coatar, Alderman 7th Ward**

**The Honorable Kenneth Ortmann, Alderman 9th Ward**

**The Honorable Thomas Villa, Alderman 11th Ward**

**The Honorable Larry Arnowitz, Alderman 12th Ward**

**The Honorable Beth Murphy, Alderwoman 13th Ward**

**The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward**

**The Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward**

**The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward**

**The Honorable Cara Spencer, Alderwoman 20th Ward**  
**The Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**  
**The Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward**  
**The Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman 27th Ward**

Adopted the 16th day of September, 2016, as attested by:

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Timothy O'Connell  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen